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Hong Wang, *et al.*

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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Section 6: Track 3 Specific Information, from INFORMATION FOR MANUFACTURERS SEEKING MARKETING CLEARANCE OF DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUND SYSTEMS AND TRANSDUCERS, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration, Center for Devices and Radiological Health (September 30, 1997).	
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Respectfully submitted,



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